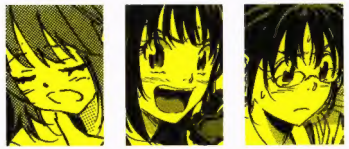
コッペリオン【COPPELION】

❶遺伝子操作によって生まれた、放射能への抗体を持った子供。

❷その子供たちで組織された、陸上自衛隊第三師団特殊部隊の名称。放射能に汚染された東京での人命救助などを任務としている。

[1] Children who were born with gene manipulation to have antibody against radioactivity.

[2] Name of a special force unit which is composed with these children. The unit belongs to Special Defense Force 3rd Division. They are assigned to rescue missions in the radiation-contaminated Tokyo.



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時は西暦2036年。
ついに死都・東京へ姿を現した
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圧倒的に不利な状況下で小津姉妹たちは
2年生との直接対決に挑む!!
果たして、敵に捕らわれた莉と葵を
救出することはできるのか……!?

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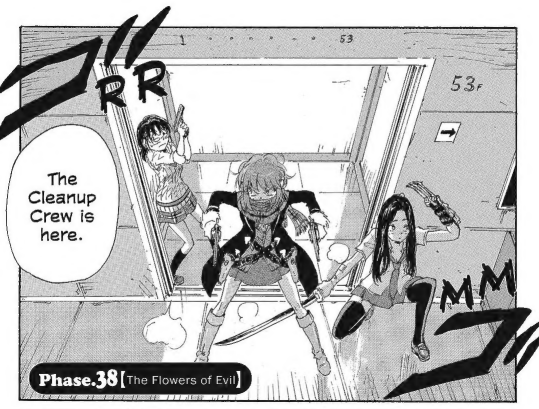
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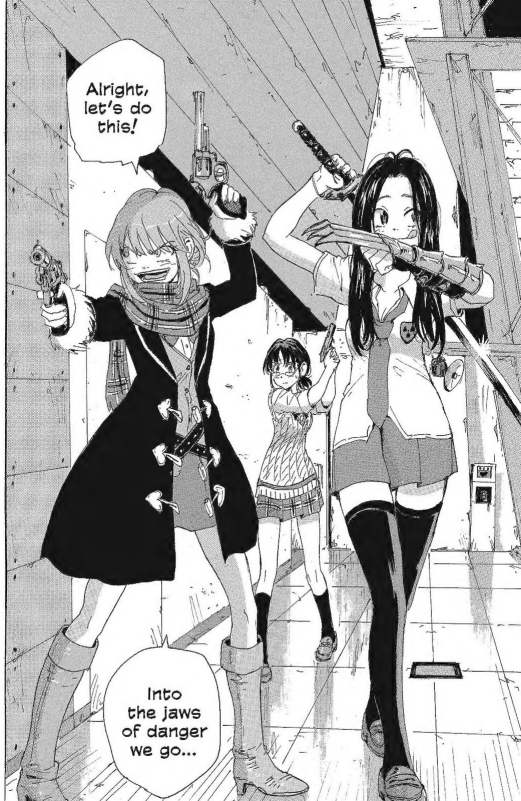
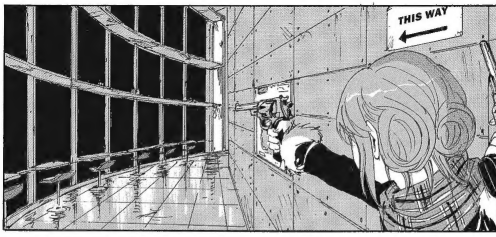
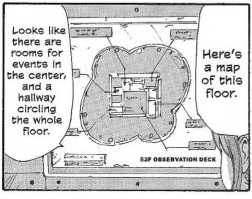
53F
The Cleanup Crew is here.
Phase.38 [The Flowers of Evil]

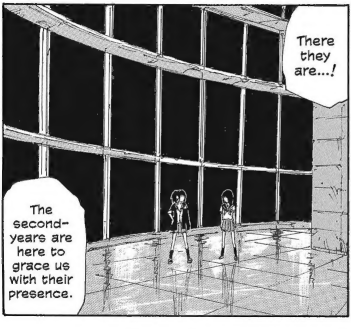
You girls stay here and stop them.
I'm taking Aoi Fukasaku and going ahead.
THE FLOWERS OF EVIL


Alright, let's do this!
Into the jaws of danger we go...


THIS WAY


Looks like there are rooms for events in the center, and a hallway circling the whole floor.
Here's a map of this floor.
52F OBSERVATION DECK

Shh!
Wh-Where are Ibara and Aoi?!


The second-years are here to grace us with their presence.
There they are...!

What's ahead of us ...?
SWISH
!

Wait ...
Y-You want me to go alone?!
Meanwhile, you head in the opposite direction and look for Naruse and Aoi!
We'll draw those two away.
Listen up, four-eyes!
Be brave! You can do it, girl.
We'll come find ya once we've dealt with the second-years.
You were trained to shoot, too.
Think back to gym class!
KCHK
...
I'll do my best! Please be careful...!
DASH

You ready, little sis?
Uh huh, big sis!
CLICK
!!
FREEZE
Yahoo!
Time to clean up!
TMP
TMP
TMP
BLAM
Well, well...

Hiya, Ozu!
All decked out with heavy weaponry again, huh?
Sorry, but we're dressed to win.
We heard there was gonna be a big party.
We're not gonna go easy on you just cuz you're our upper-classmen.
Shut up already, bitch.

...to see who'll reign as the *queens* of these ruins!
Then let's fight for real...
Mana! Let your power loose on 'em!
WWOOM
Bring it!

BWAD
BWAD
BWAD
BWEEM
!!
WHUD
Gah
!!
KRI SSH
BLAM
BLAM

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
WHUD
BTOOM
BOOM
TMP
TMP
TMP
WHUD
Ulti-
mate
...
...
Shion
Cut!!
OOF
SH

?!
BWOOSH
SQUOOSH
...
FSSSH
Why don'tcha take a late night...
FWOOOM

...sky-dive?!
KRASSH
Grr!
BLAM
Shion!
KRRSH!
KRRSH
BLAM

HUFF
HUFF
Where are you ...?!
Ibara ... Aoi ...
HUFF
SCRAPE
Ah ...!
Ugh ...

Behind you!
Taeko?!
Th-They hung you up by the wrists ...?!
Ibara!
That's as far as you go.
...
Drop the gun, Taeko Nomura.

You can do it.
Be brave.
Aoi ...
A...
You drop your weapon!
FWAP
Dr. Coppelius!
Taeko ...?!
T...
?!
According to the data I obtained, you should be a quiet, gentle student.
Hoho ...

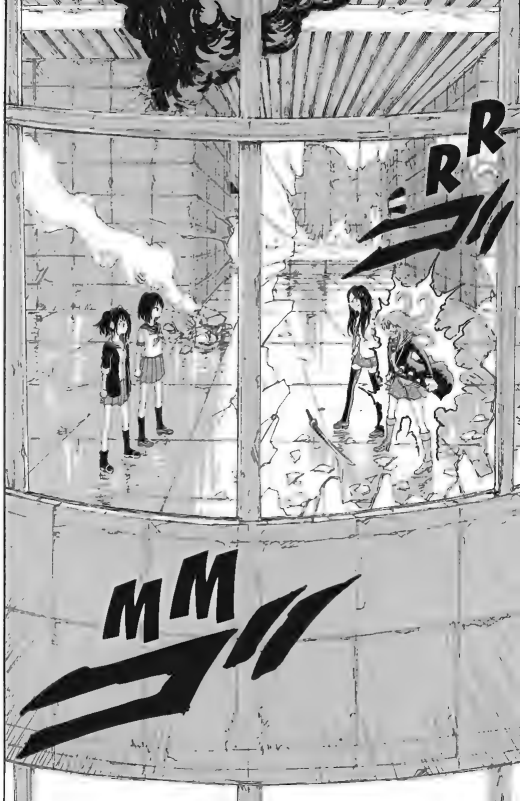
Let go of Aoi! Or— or—
I will not move!
CLACK
CLACK
I'll be damned ...
Move aside, won't you? There's a staircase further in.
You should be careful, lest you hit your classmate.
Has it been that long since you've fired a gun?
Your hands are shaking.
Take a good aim...
...and pull the trigger.
CLACK
CLACK

BLAM
BLAM
WOOM
SHOOO
Whoa !!
SST
SST
TMP
BLAM
TMP
Gunz are worthless against her.
Shit ...
...

E-Electricity to full power!
Crap!
BZZT
!!
BWOOM
BTOOM
?!
BWEEM
She deflected Mana's attack?!
Wh...
?!

RR
MM
Mwaha-haha!
CLANG
Ha...
CRACKLE
This ain't over yet!
We found ourselves a way to fight back...
CRACKLE
P-38 END

Phase.39 [Blitz! Battle to the Limit]
You've sure got guts to go up against us.
Say your prayers, second-years!


ERR
MM

What's going on?!
Mana ...
SWISH
Electricity girl... did she just *deflect* your flare attack?!
CRUMBLE
BZZT
BZZT
...

BWOOM
Get behind me, Shion!
Here it comes!
BWEE
...like this!
...I can deflect her attacks...
If I discharge my electricity at full power...
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

HUFF
Hell, yeah!
HUFF
She did it again!
I can toss it back at her, but I can't aim!
Shit... it's no good!
HUFF
FIZZ
HUFF
KABOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
Pelt 'em with flares! Come on!
Mana! She used too much of her power. She's wearing down!

DASH
KRRRSH
Sis, are you okay?!
HUFF
Kh...
HUFF
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
Gah!
FWUM
I can only go full power one more time before I hit my limit...
HUFF
HUFF
We gotta use that one time to take them down!
If electric current repels her attacks, then...
SHINK
Hold on...!
I'll fight them, sis! You take a breather!

That's it... that purple light is *plasma!*
So Mana Tsuburaya uses nuclear reactions to create high-level plasma?!
ヴィィィン
VMMM
!
Plasma— as long as I make a strong enough electro-magnetic field, I could move plasma as I please!
???
T.M.P.
T.M.P.
There she is... run!
T.M.P.

I can't get close enough to use my Mega-ton Punch!
How do we beat her, sis?!

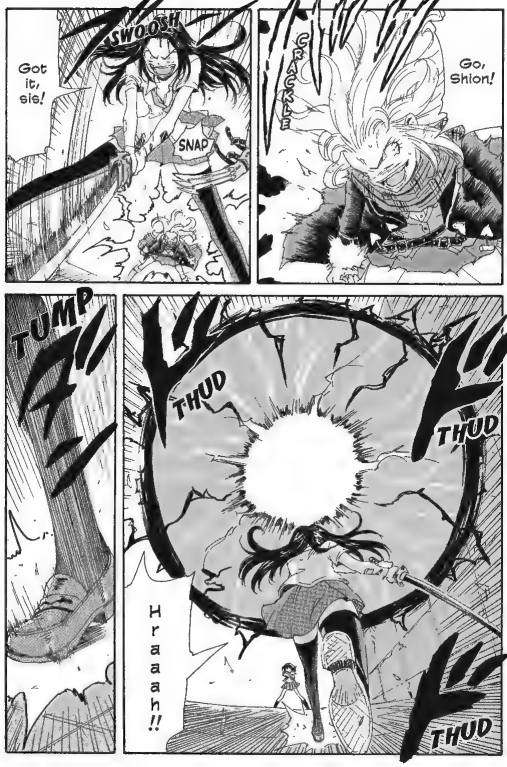
TMP
Dammit!
TMP

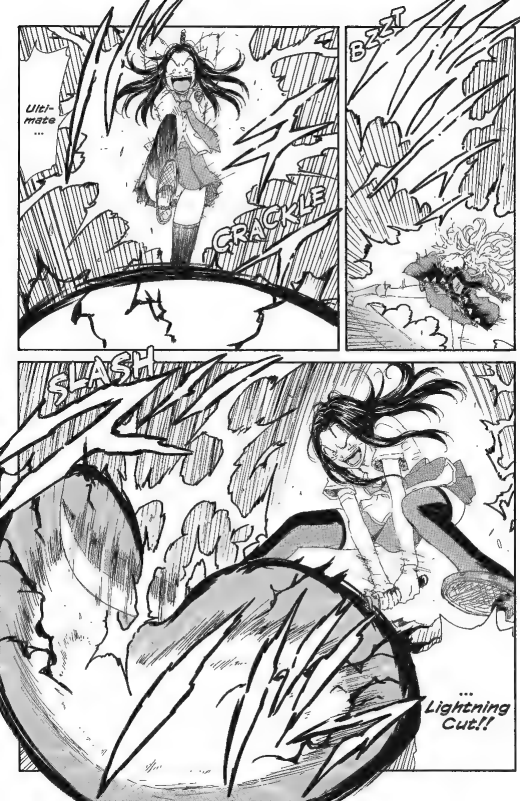
If we can concentrate my electricity in one place and form a controllable EM field—
An EM field!

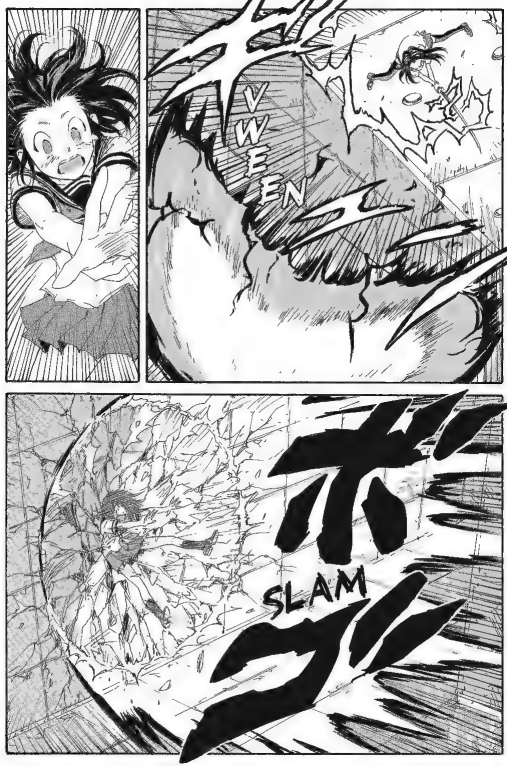
Gyah!
FSSSH
FWUMP
BOOM
!!
A dead end!
Crap ...
FWAP
...!
RR
MM
!

Find an iron rod!
If I circle a powerful electric current around it, I can turn it into an electromagnet!
CLACK
Iron!
She's coming, sis!
...
I don't see any!
FWUP
RUSTLE
Iron rod, iron rod...!
RR
MM
Grr, this stupid sword keeps getting in my way!
CLACK
Iron roood! Come ouuut!
...!

An iron rod!
This is it, stupid!
CLINK
Oon!
ZWOOSH


SWOOSH
Got it, sis!
SNAP
CRACKLE
Go, Shion!
TUMP
THUD
THUD
THUD
Hraaah!!


Ulti-
mate
...
CRACKLE
BZZT
SLASH
...
Lightning
Cut!!


WEEN
SLAM

?!
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
RRRM
RRRM
... collapsing?!
The wall's ...
CRUMBLE

THUD
Oof!
WHUD
FWUMP
FSSSH
I...
Ibara!
KRAK
FWOOSH
?!

KRAK
Taeko ...!
F.S S S H
F.WUMP
Farewell, Ibara Naruse.
WHUD
Dr. Coppelius ...!
Wait ...!
W...
SWISH

Come on, rep, get yourself together-er!
TWITCH
TWITCH
STOMP
?!
Can't ya catch one measly old geezer...
CRACKLE
...without us to back you up?
MM
RR
P-30 END

SKY DECK
Dr. Coppelius took Aoi!
He's gonna escape to the skies!
Phase.40[Clone Original]

But we're not gonna let him!
HUFF
HUFF

RRMM
Let's go...
...to the Sky Deck!

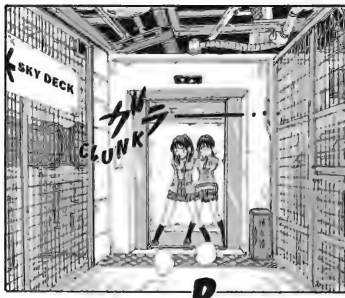
I-Ibara.
Taeko, are you okay?
Ugh...
I'm so incompetent...
I'm sorry...
What are you sayin'? You were awesome!
SWIP
I'll teach ya how to dodge a punch sometime.
You've still got a long ways to go.
TOSS

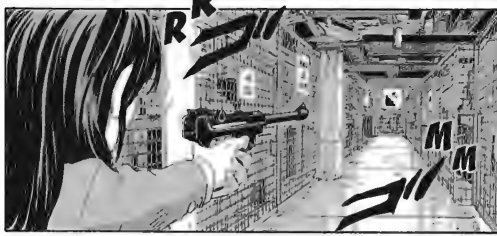
Alright, there's no time to stand around!
Shion, help me with these cuffs!
BEND
Sure thing! Rrah!
O-Okay, Miss Ozu!
CATCH
In the gutter?!
!!
The enemy's strength is in the gutter now!
Mana Tsuburaya's out like a light.
THROB
That's so not true.
CLOP
CLIP
Oh, Ozu...

Melsa Ichi-kawa ...!
RR
Am I so easy to forget about?
MM
Kanon ...
KCHK
Ibara, I found your gun!
You head for the roof, Naruse!
We'll keep her busy!
!
We'll chase down Dr. Cop-pelius!
Got it!

DASH
Now then... we're gonna teach you...
KRAK
TMP
TMP
...to respect your elders!!

What've you been typing so much for, Mushanokoji?!
Did the girls get away?!
What's happening in Tokyo?!
Damn it...
NAGOYA —
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
What is it?
Something you're curious about?
There's something I'm curious about...
I'm hacking into the archive that holds all the data from the Coppelion project!
BOOP
That ...
...is what we're about to find out!
COPPELION PROJECT
BOOP
COPPELION PROJECT
TAK
TAK


SKY DECK
CLUNK
DING


RR
MM

FWAP
There's the stairs. Hurry!
Is the Sky Deck up ahead?
SWISH

BISH
It's Dr. Coppelius!
WHOO
He's shooting at us!
RA
TA
!!
BSH
PLINK
As expected from one of my dolls!
You're quite the resilient one, Ibara Naruse!
This is the end of your little scheme!
BANG
Surrender yourself, Dr. Coppelius!

I'll have you know— it's a grand plan!
How tasteless!
RA-TA-TA-TA
KCHK
"Little scheme" P!
BWOOM
Join me!
This is your last chance, representative!
BSH
PWOO
It's your only hope for a bright future!
That's the only path you have left.

I'm not following your orders!
I... I'll be the one to choose my own path!
This won't get anywhere with you.
Where is Haruto Kurosawa?
H...
Haruto?
...
KCHK
?
Haruto's ...
CLACK
... gone.
CLACK

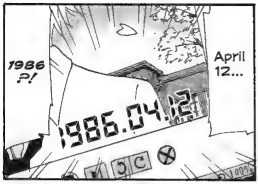
He... sacrificed his own life...
...to... protect us... no...
For the future of humanity.

And when that boy hated humanity so much...
....
Oho ...
BANG
When did he stray from the right path? I wonder ...
Now!
TMP
KRAK
!!

CLANG
You're not getting away!
CLANG
Kh...
TMP
FWAP
VWOOM!!

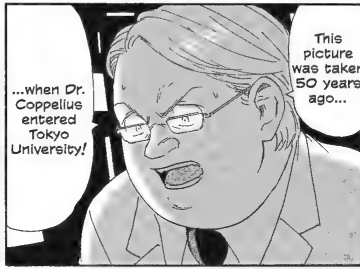
TMP
TMP
TMP
WHUD
WHUD
WHUD
RA
TA
TA
FWUMP
Guh ...
Haruto ...
HUFF
HUFF
Give me strength!
FWAP

I knew it... Just as I expected!
CLACK
Th-The search results came back!
What?!
!
PING
...?!
Who do you think this is?
Lt. Ibuse.
Now take a look at the date in the lower right corner.
That's Haruto Kurosawa, the third-year Coppelion in the Cleanup Crew, right?
This guy?


1986 ?!
April 12...
1986.04.12

?!
...

What ?!
Wh...


...when Dr. Coppelius entered Tokyo University!
This picture was taken 50 years ago...

Wait, it can't be...
W...

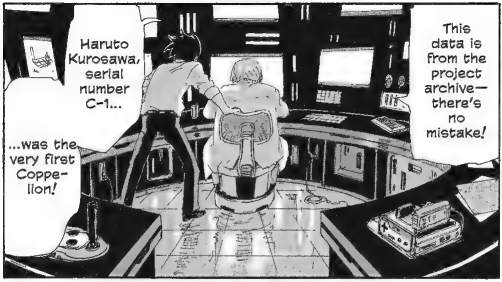
That's right ...

What does that mea —?
But... look at him, it's clearly Haruto Kurosawa!

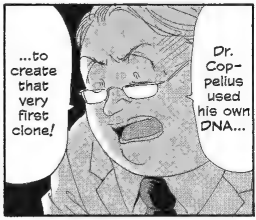
Haruto Kurosawa ...
...is Dr. Coppelius' clone!
P-40 END

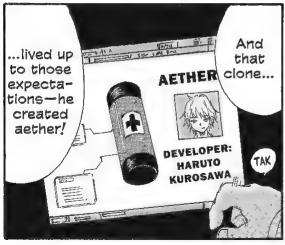
RR
HUFF
HUFF
Phase.41 [Heaven and Hell]
RR
You're not gettin' away, Dr. Coppelius ...!
Dammit ...

Haruto Kurosawa
...is Dr. Coppelius' clone?!


Haruto Kurosawa, serial number C-1...
...was the very first Coppelion!
This data is from the project archive—there's no mistake!

So he created a copy of himself?!
Was he *nuts*?!


...to create that very first clone!
Dr. Coppelius used his own DNA...


...lived up to those expectations—he created aether!
AETHER
DEVELOPER: HARUTO KUROSAWA
And that clone...
TAK

No doubt he wanted another of himself!
People as genius as Dr. Coppelius are few and far between ...

It's too bad you won't be joining us...
But we have different paths to take.
This time it's good-bye, Ibara Naruse.
CHK
Dammit... Take this!
CLICK
CLICK
Give Aoi back, or I'll shoot!
WOOM
Wait !!

No way ...
I'm outta ammo?
FARE-WELL ...
WOO
...MY DARLING DOLLS!
...
WOO
Dam-mit!!
I screwed up...
He took Aoi...!
Dam-mit!
FWUMP
CLENCH

TOSS
BLAM
?!
CLUNK
CLUNK
BOOM

BROOOO
?!

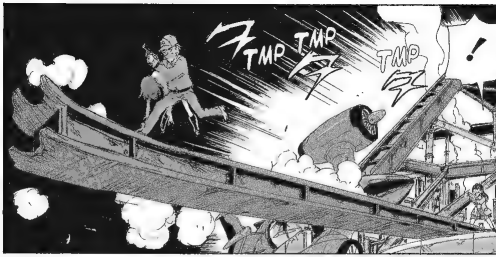
CLUNK
CLUNK
Oh no...
She hit the engine!

KRRRSH
KRK

This genius is about to crash ...!

CLUNK
Guh ...
TILT
Ibara!
TILT
?!
This is rough on my old body.
Hoho ...
Taeko ...!
T...
CATCH
Hurry... get Aoi back!
FLING

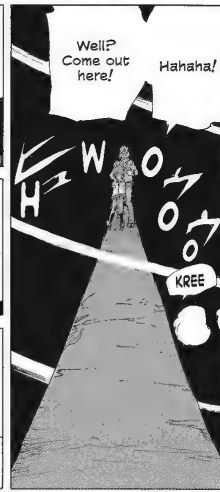
This is less straight-forward than I'd expected...
Good grief...
...
CLUNK
KCHK
!
Put your hands up!
HUFF
...won't be done in so easily!
HUFF
But I, Dr. Coppelius ...
GLANCE
Persistent, aren't you!
KCHK
You lose, Dr. Coppelius!
Hand Aoi over!


TMP
TMP
TMP
!

Stop resisting and give back Aoi!
Be careful!

Don't be so quick to let your guard down!
You think you've won already, do you?!

Behind you!
Ibara ...


Well? Come out here!
Hahaha!
KREE

Meisa Ichikawa!
M...
!!
BWOOSH
CWAP
I got to let loose... Now I'm feeling better than ever.
Reload complete.
Phew...

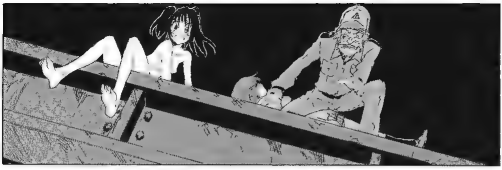
Oh, yeah ...
They were here?
Where are the Ozu sisters?
Wh ...
SHUFFLE
I went all out on them. They're probably dead!
You mean the two who're decorating the floor down below?
They couldn't even hold a candle to me.
Kyaha-haha!

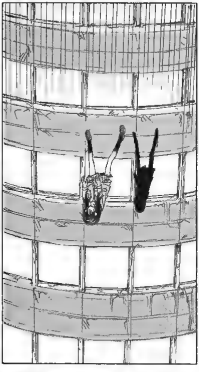
Eep...
Right now...
Keep up, will ya?
...it's my attack phase!
Taeko ...!

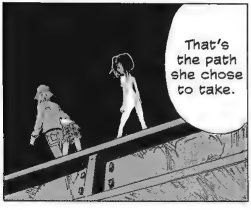
BSSH
KRAK

GRAB
Ahh ...!
You've gone from Heaven to Hell...
Hahaha!
Kh...
I win.

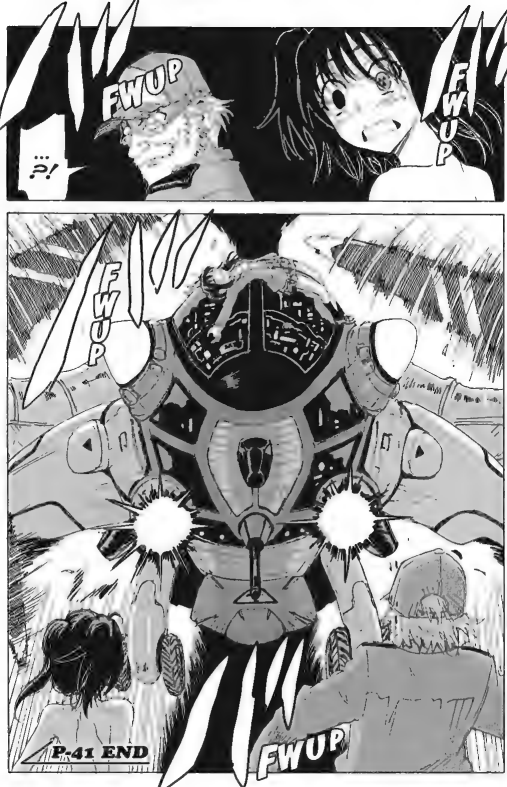
Join me, and we'll forge a new path together.
You're going to die, representative.
There's only one way to save yourself.
No.
Hurry, take my hand!
Well...? You'll fall, you know!
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
I'm not afraid to die.
Haruto's waiting on the other side.





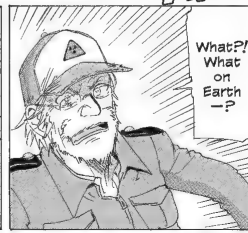

That's the path she chose to take.

Let's go.
...


FWUP
FWUP
?!
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
P.41 END

FWUP
Phase.42【The Magic Finger】
FWUP

The locust ship!
It's back!


What?! What on Earth —?

FWOOSH

It stopped me from grabbing Aoi Fukasaku.
That thing got in my way earlier, too.
Is it an enemy... or an ally?!
Hoho...
FWUP
FWUP
!
Can you destroy it?
Meisa.

Ugh...
FWUP
FWUP
!
FWUP
Shit, I'm totally numb.
I used too much of my power.
FWUP
Huh ...?
FWUP
FWUP
That sound ...
Hey... you alive?!
Shion! Hang in there!
GRAB
Mmph ...

FWUP
FWUP
?!
FWUP
FWUP
Sis, that ship's—
Yeah ...!
We gotta get to the Sky Deck!
Crap! I can't move! Help me there, Shion!
You're all ragged, sis!

That explains why Dr. Coppelius was able to freely access the Research Center.
He has the same DNA as one of our researchers—Haruto Kurosawa!
The Coppelion were all cloned from humans.
But to think that one of them is a copy of their creator, Dr. Coppelius ...
NA-GOYA —
Right ...!
I'm accessing the manufacturing data he stole now.
TAK
TAK
So that's how he managed to get out with all our aether—which Haruto created.
I get it...
Let's pray we'll find something we can use to track down Dr. Coppelius!
So we're in illegal territory again... But it's an emergency!
TAK
TAK
This information is a state secret...

BLIP
CAUTION
...?!
...
What the heck?! That's gross!
Wh...
FWUP
FWUP
A human ...
... finger ...?!

SLIDE
!!
SLIDE
SLIDE
CATCH
F-SSSH
She's falling!
Oh...!
DASH!
She's unconscious...
FWAP
I-Ibara!
WOOSH!

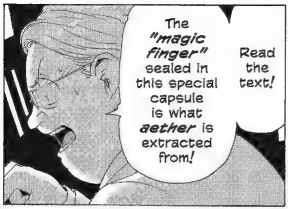
RA
TA
TA
TA
RA
TA
TA
Attack, Meisa!
PNOO
Hoho!
FWUMP
GRAB
WHUD
WHUD
WHUD

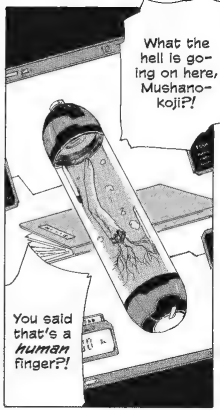
WHOOSH
Mini-Break!!
FSSSH
Here's a little present!
TOSS
FWUP
FWOOOOSH
FWUP

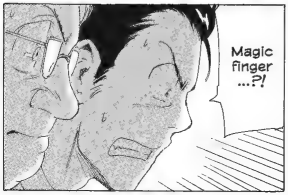
KA BOOM
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
WHOOMP
WHOOMP
Ah...!
FWUP
FWUP
Eep?!
Whoo! Victory!

WHUMP
Hey, four-eyes!
WHOOMP
WHOOMP
Miss Ozu...!
THUD
...

Don't tell me you let 'im get away!
HUFF
Where's Dr. Coppelius?!
HUFF
I was sure they'd killed you...
FWAP
You're okay!
My goodness...
KCHK
This is quite a bind!
His ship is over there —
R-Right!
This pawn is a must for my grand plan...!
I cannot lose this game!
I have to fix this and make a break for it...
BZZZT


The "magic finger" sealed in this special capsule is what aether is extracted from!
Read the text!


What the hell is going on here, Mushanokoji?!
You said that's a human finger?!


Magic finger ...?!

99% of them decay after being injected into the human body, and disappear in an instant.

It's not as if all of the Coppelion's cells can provide aether...

RR
MM
Wh... We're gonna crash!
However, a single Coppelion
—
A?!
BZZT
Kh...
BOOM
!!
...

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H

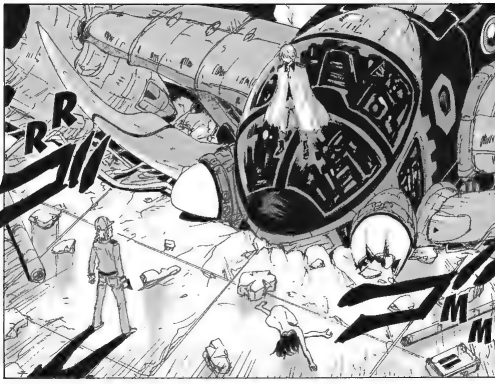
The subject is serial number C-1...
That is what made aether a reality!
One Coppelion possesses cells with an extraordinarily high regeneration rate...

Huh? The Cleanup Crew—
That ship's the one our crew rode here!
I knew it...!
...also identified as *Haruto Kurosawa*.
His special ability...
...is *ultra-regeneration!*

CATCH
Long time no see...
Dr. Coppelius.
P.42 END

Phase.43[Original vs. Copy]
Haruto Kurosawa's special ability...
...is ultra-regeneration!
It can't be—

Long time no see...
...Dr. Coppelius.


RR
MM

Kuro-
sawa
?!
SLIDE
K...

He...
He
gave up
his life
for the
railway
opera-
tion—
But
that's
impos-
sible...!

He'd just come back to life. He's got mad regeneration powers, like a frickin' hydra!
Huuuh? Like, there's no way Haruto would up and die.
Mhm, mhm!
SHIVER
Wh...
SHIVER
Ibara...!
Cuz you never asked!
SHAKE SHAKE
Why didn't you say so earlier?! Are you stupid?!
Wake up, Ibara!
Kuro-sawa's alive!

You've grown into a fine young man!
You look just like the former me!
I've missed you! How many years has it been?!
FWAP
Haruto ...!
It's no use talking to these female dolls!
I was right to create you...!
Perfect timing— I need your help!
...my trustworthy other self!
Come down here...

...possesses "ultra-regeneration" powers ...
Serial number C-1, Haruto Kurosawa...
...he wants a loyal assistant.
Most likely ...
What's he tryin' to do?!
Not only does he create another him, he gives the kid an indestructible body...
Dr. Coppelius, that bastard...
TAK TAK
NAGOYA—
Hey... wait a sec!
...
...Haruto should have inherited his smarts... and the way he thinks—
Which means ...
HARUTO KUROSAWA
Haruto's an exact copy of Dr. Coppelius, right?

That kid...!
Is he gonna switch to Dr. Coppelius' side?!
...
What's the holdup, Haruto?!
We can walk the path of science together again, just like in the old days!
...I need your help, Haruto!
For the future of humanity—no, for the future of the *world*...

I must refuse, Dr. Coppelius.
FWUP
I'm not your doll.
Did you hit your head on something, Haruto?
KCHK
K...
Kurosawa...!
You're nothing more than an inferior copy of me.
FWUP
I'm your original!

I guess I'll be the first.
Well ...
FLASH
The odds of a copy beating his original...
...are 100% against the copy.
BANG
GNAB

THUD
FWAP
...
FWAP
Meisa! Wake up!

SNAP
RRR
MMM
!
!!
Shit... This calls for desperate measures!
Rush him! Grab Aoi Fukasaku!
TMP
Yes, ma'am!

!
You'll regret this.
Haruto ...
CLICK
KABOOM

KRISSSSH
yeek!
Gah! Another explosion?!
Ahuuun! I'm so hungry an' weak!
Urgh...
FWOOM
GRAB
You can do it, Shion! I'll treat you to a feast when we get home!
?!
AWEE

VWEEN
Aoi... he's taking Aoi!
Ohh...
SWISH
VWEEN

FWAP
PLINK
?!
FWOOSH
BOOM
FLING

Say good-bye to Naruse for me!
We'll be taking this one off your hands.
...

KAWHOOSH

...
GRRR
GMM
Th-They kid-napped ...
... Aoi...
And we were so close...
Urgh... ahuhn ...!
This tower's on the verge of collapse.
GRR
We need to get down to the ground and regroup.
Come on, four-eyes.

But...
What-ever can we do now —?
Dumb-ass.
We didn't do all that for noth-ing.
Mana Tsuburaya ...
She's our lucky find.
P.43 END

HSWSSSH

Or I'll go without you!
Come down here!

It's time for dinner!
Hellooo! Ibara Naruse!

Hey, are you listening?
Say something! Good grief...

TCH
WHIRL
Whatever. Stay there for the rest of your life!
Why do I gotta look after that defect?
She can't even talk!
THUD
!
!!
/...
HIC
Ibara Naruse ...!

I'll get you help real soon!
Hang in there!
You gotta stay alive, Sara Nakata!
Don't die!
HUFF
HUFF
So stay alive!
I'll protect you....!

Stay alive!
17:21, OCTOBER 10, 2036 AD, SHELTER 109—
DIIING
Wow, sounds like quite the disaster.

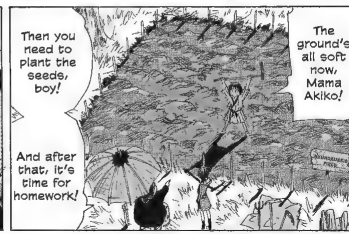
...by that old, degenerate Doctor fellow.
So the short story is... that Aoi girl was kidnapped...
THUNK
THUNK

THUNK

I can't do anything on my own...
But first, we have to wait for Ibara to recover.

So we have to figure out which direction to take next...
Yes ...

So you came back with nothing, then?
...


Then you need to plant the seeds, boy!
And after that, it's time for homework!
The ground's all soft now, Mama Akiko!

?
BLINK

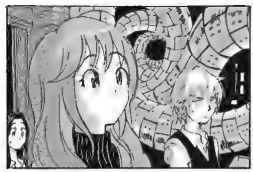
How d'ya feel, Mana Tsubu-raya?
Yo!
Aren'tcha gonna at least say hello? Tch.
What's wrong?
?!
BWO
OM

BZZZZZZT
How d'ya like them apples? Your psychokinesis is being restrained.
This equipment is meant for containing plasma.
...
FSSSSSSH
BZZ
BZZ
Gyaha-haha!
This was built underneath Shibuya for a nuclear fusion reactor.
Seriously. My hat's off to Japan's technology!

...cuz that's the only way to keep yourself alive!

But anyhow, that's why we can suppress your plasma.
So, Mana Tsuburaya! You'll do every little thing I say...

Every last secret involving us Coppelion!
Now tell us every-thing you know!



No.
FWIP
You're a bad person.

Haru-tooo ...
RR MM
Turn up the elec-tromag-netic force, won't ya?

Ahh...!
Ahhh...
Shut up! I'll handle this!
Kanon... isn't this tortu—?
VMMM
Shut up!
Sis, she'll die!
...Guess I'll go back to the shelter.
Don't underestimate me, second-year!
Come on, spill it all!

It's almost time for dinner.
SWISH
Are you awake?
Ibara...
She's gone!
...Oh, my!
Wherever have you gone...?!
Ibara...!
Ibara—
!
HUFF
HUFF

You mustn't wander off like that...!
Have your injuries healed already?

I dreamt ...
...that Haruto rescued me ...

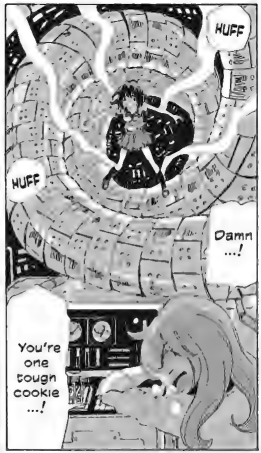
Ibara!

When we were little...
...I fell from a tree...
And Haruto carried me all the way to the hospital...
....!
Ibara...
I think that dream came true.

SWSSSH

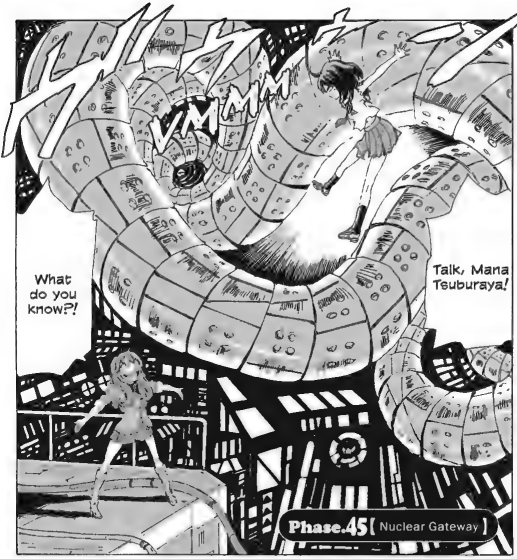
Sorry, Naruse!
I guess I missed the train.
ズテーン THUD
?!
N-Naruse, are you okay?!
She fainted from the shock!
Whoops... I thought I'd surprise her...
Please, try putting yourself in her shoes!
Hellooo! Wake up, Naruse!

Wee hee... Don't blame me if it kills you!
I'll just turn it all the way up, then!
BEEP


HUFF
HUFF
Damn ...!
You're one tough cookie ...!

I-I'll talk!
So please... no more...!
Stop ...

HUFF
What do you know ?!
Talk, Mana Tsuburaya!
HUFF
You should've said that from the start, cutie!
Ha... haha... mwaha-haha!
Before long...
... there'll be a nuclear war.
P-44 END

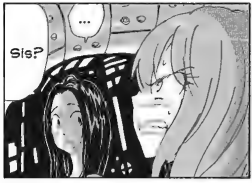

What do you know?!
Talk, Mana Tsuburaya!
Phase.45 [Nuclear Gateway]

Before long...
B...

Before long...
...there'll be a nuclear war.

D...
Wazzat?! And is it yummy?!
Did you just say nuclear war?!
He said ...
...that it's absolutely top secret...
...so I can't tell anyone.
Dr. Coppelius told me.
MMPH
What are you talking about?! Explain yourself, Mana Tsuburaya!

...
So?! What did he tell you?!
Yeah! Now that's what I'm talkin' about!
I don't know what his reasons were...
But ...
He paid a lot of attention to world affairs ...
He was very well-versed...
And from what he knew ...
...there was one prediction...
...that he was particularly confident about...
That... on October 10, 2036 AD...
Today... The gateway to a nuclear war would open—
T—
Today?!


...
Sis?

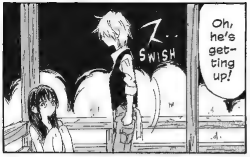
That's ...
...the top secret information I know.
Is it what you wanted ?

You ...
D'you think you can string me along like that?!

18:32
If you think I'm lying...
...why don't you check for yourself?

...
It's almost time ...
...for the evening news.

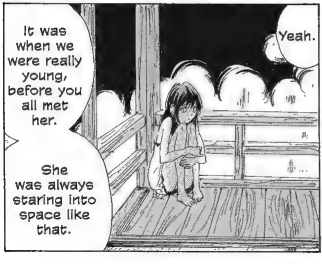
SHELTER
109—
Are those two okay?
They've been sitting like that for so long...
Say...


Z..
SWISH
Oh, he's getting up!

...
This should have be a tearful reunion, right?
But Ibara just looks dazed...

TMD
TMD
Oh, he's coming this way!

Huh ?!
She's gone back to how she used to be.
It's no use.


It was when we were really young, before you all met her.
Yeah.
She was always staring into space like that.

That's how she used to be?!
Ibara ...

But we *need* Ibara right now...
O-Oh, no...
This is probably just temporary, from fatigue.
Don't worry. She can hear us.
If you hadn't saved her, she'd be...
Yesterday, when she fell off the tower—she let go of that beam herself.
I thought... that something was wrong.
She's not as strong as she seems! She needs someone to help her!
Please, support Ibara!

That's why I came back.
I know that all too well.
You could have told us you were still alive!
Why didn't you rejoin us sooner?!
And furthermore ...
I'm actually surprised I'm still alive, myself.
Sorry.

I should have died back there...
...on the railroad at Koganei Station.
But...
It must have been because of my regeneration powers.
But...
HUFF
HUFF
I woke up.
...!
WOBBLE

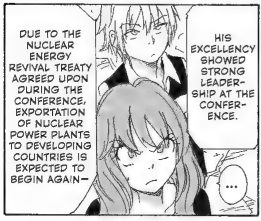
Was there something I could do, I wondered?
Anything I could do for them?
Like they'd given me their very souls...
Beside me were those who'd lost their lives.
I made a grave for the 1st Division...
FWAP
And then left for Shinjuku.
SWISH

You know the rest.
I stayed hidden and watched over your group.
Although sometimes you almost found me, like in that cemetery.
But why...
...were you hiding?
Because of *him*.
Dr. Coppelius.
I knew he'd make his move eventually...
...so I was collecting intelligence in preparation.
And he did make his move...
He came and took Aoi away...
I believe he wants revenge against the government.
They ripped his research away from him...

...and now he wants to take back possession of the Coppelion.
But... what is the government trying to use us Coppelion for in the first place?
We won't get anywhere until we learn what they want.
I agree.
Heeey, Haruto!
Wh-Who's this?!
Intruders! Identify yourselves!
We're the Ozu sisters, mistresses of mayhem!
RAA
RAA
Get out of our way if you wanna live!

Turn on the 7 o'clock news!
The news!
Are you done tortu— I mean, questioning Mana Tsubura-ya?
What are you in such a hurry for, Kanon?
That newscaster is always on.
FIRST, TODAY'S NEWS TOPICS ...
19:00
NEWS 7 PLANET
Sh!
Quiet down!
This is boooring! Let's watch anime!
AND NOW, NEWS PLANET 7.
IT'S NOW 7:00 PM.
CHATTER 7

PRIME MINISTER NATSUME, WHO ACTED AS CHAIRMAN, HAS BEEN SHOWERED WITH PRAISE BY THE WORLD LEADERS WHO WERE IN ATTENDANCE.
KYOTO SUMMIT
THE THREE-DAY KYOTO ECO SUMMIT HAS SUCCESSFULLY COME TO A CLOSE.


DUE TO THE NUCLEAR ENERGY REVIVAL TREATY AGREED UPON DURING THE CONFERENCE, EXPORTATION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN AGAIN—
HIS EXCELLENCY SHOWED STRONG LEADERSHIP AT THE CONFERENCE.
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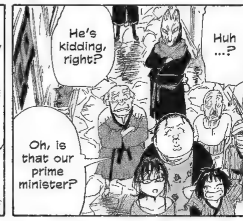

He's kidding, right?
Huh ...?
Oh, is that our prime minister?

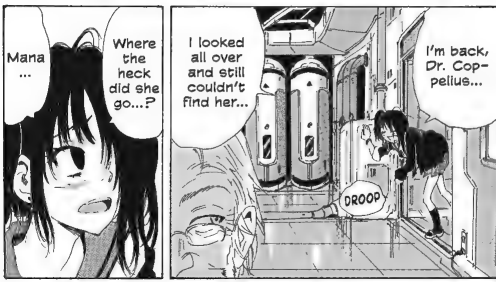
FOLLOWING WORRIES THAT THE RECENT YEARS OF INSURGENCY IN KAZAKHSTAN WILL ESCALATE ...
10 11
BLIP
ON TO OUR NEXT TOPIC ...
RUSSIA
KAZAKHSTAN
CHINA

Shut up and watch!
You care that much about the news?

TODAY, OCTOBER 10TH, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FORMALLY ANNOUNCED ...
...THAT IT WILL WORK TOWARD A SOLUTION THROUGH MILITARY INTERVENTION.
?!
DUN
DUH DUN
Wow ...
Military intervention from America?
That won't end well.
Who cares? It's so far from here.
MURMUR
This ...
Th...
...might be what Mana Tsuburaya was talking about...!

...ACK-NOWLEDGES THE NEED FOR AMERICAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN KAZAKHSTAN, BUT WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION WITH GREAT CARE...
AS AN AMERICAN ALLY, THE JAPANESE GOVERN-MENT...
PSSSH
FSST
SOME-WHERE IN TOKYO —

Of all the nerve... I can see right through you.
SWIP
Heh...


Mana ...
Where the heck did she go...?
I looked all over and still couldn't find her...
DROOP
I'm back, Dr. Cop-pelius...

We have a new ally to take her place.
Not to worry, Melea.
KREE
It's finally begun.
Today, the world takes a new step forward.
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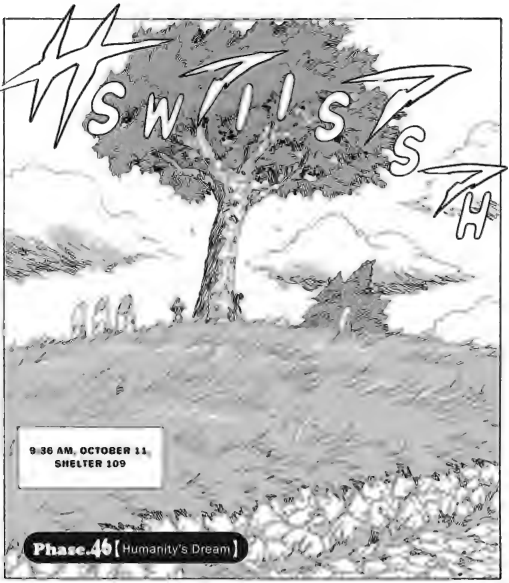

SWITCH
9:36 AM, OCTOBER 11,
SHELTER 109
Phase.46 [Humanity's Dream]

FLAP
FLAP

Nuclear war?!

What on Earth are you talking about, Miss Ozu?!
There's going to be a nuclear war?!

...on the news last night, remember?
They talked about the U.S. military intervention in Kazakhstan...

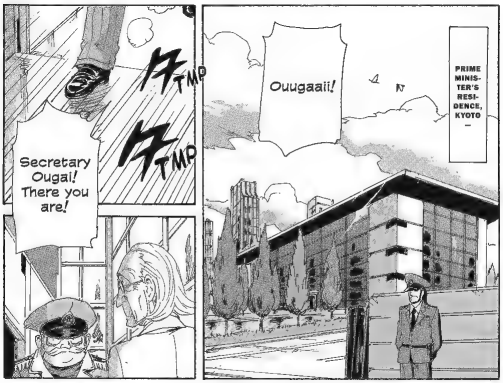
That sometime soon, the world's gonna have a nuclear war!
That's what Dr. Coppelius is predicting—

I... I can't believe something so awful would—
Yeah—if our self-proclaimed prophet is right!

So... the military intervention will escalate into a nuclear war?

That's what he's trying to use Aoi Fukasaku for. ...If that's true—
Dr. Coppelius' schemes must involve a nuclear war.
In any case...
And ...
Besides ...
I wouldn't know!
How on Earth could Aoi be connected to nuclear war?!
GRAB
Please, you have to stop him!
Without somebody who can figure this crap out first, there's nothin' we can do.
Our class representative is out of commission.

The vice rep under her... was me.
...what course do we take ...?
Then from now on...


TMP
TMP
Secretary Ougai! There you are!
Ouugaaii!
PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE, KYOTO —

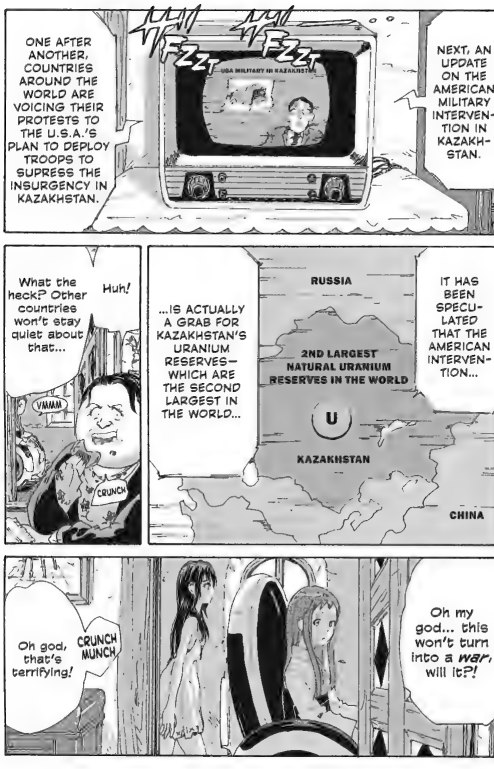
Congratulations, Your Excellency.
I did it! My administration can continue!
It says my approval rating has shot up to 78%!
Look at this headline!
NATSUME CABINET AP
The other world leaders had much praise for you.
Because of your performance in the Kyoto Eco Summit, of course.
Why did my approval rating suddenly spike...?
But...
So that's it...
Hahaha! Those stupid voters!
It seems that our citizens are partial to foreign praise.

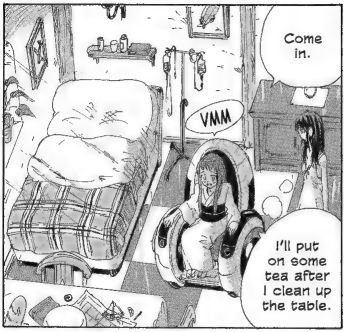
Take care of the press releases for me... hm hm!
Yes, Your Excellency.
Do I? I'll take care of it, Ougai!
You still have much work ahead of you.
We're going to be quite busy, Your Excellency.
Burn-out syndrome?!

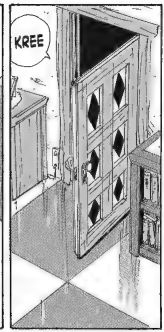
It's when someone who had previously worked obsessively toward a goal...
...suddenly loses steam and just can't do anything anymore.
That would be the closest thing to it.
...that Ibara was more determined to save the survivors than anyone else.
It's true...
The exhaustion of fighting over the past few days built up inside her.
Naruse's like this because she was overwhelmed.
...but *we're* the ones who keep getting helped...
We came here to help the survivors...
She'll be back to normal before long.
We'll let her rest here for a while.
And think of what Naruse would do in a situation like this.
Keep your chin up.

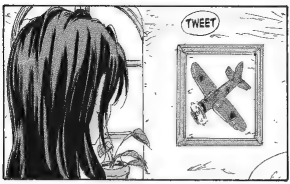
Ibara...
She wouldn't give up. She'd insist on doing everything we can do now!
Yes, she did...
Naruse disappeared again...
HEUUU
By the way ...
Good.
...?
VMMM

...
Oh, Ibara!
I heard you came back from the surface yesterday. I've been looking for you!
It's me, Alice!
I-Ibara?
...?
I'm in very good health today.
VMM
Why don't you come have some-thing to drink with me?
You seem tired.
...


ONE AFTER ANOTHER, COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD ARE VOICING THEIR PROTESTS TO THE U.S.A.'S PLAN TO DEPLOY TROOPS TO SUPRESS THE INSURGENCY IN KAZAKHSTAN.
FZZT
FZZT
USA MILITARY IN KAZAKHSTAN
NEXT, AN UPDATE ON THE AMERICAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN KAZAKHSTAN.
What the heck? Other countries won't stay quiet about that...
Huh!
VMMM
CRUNCH
...IS ACTUALLY A GRAB FOR KAZAKHSTAN'S URANIUM RESERVES— WHICH ARE THE SECOND LARGEST IN THE WORLD...
RUSSIA
2ND LARGEST NATURAL URANIUM RESERVES IN THE WORLD
U
KAZAKHSTAN
CHINA
IT HAS BEEN SPECULATED THAT THE AMERICAN INTERVENTION...
Oh god, that's terrifying!
CRUNCH MUNCH
Oh my god... this won't turn into a WAR, will it?!


Come in.
VMM
I'll put on some tea after I clean up the table.


KREE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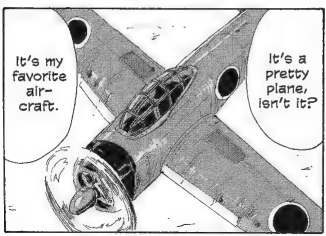

It's my favorite air-craft.
It's a pretty plane, isn't it?

It's an A6M Zero.
That picture ...?
GLUB
GLUB

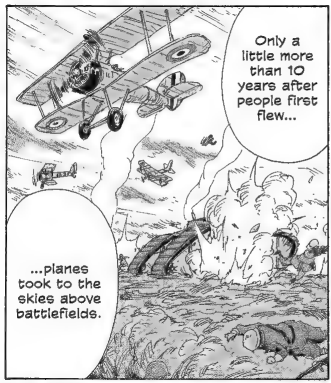
I get kind of excited about aircraft ...
Oops, sorry.
KOFF

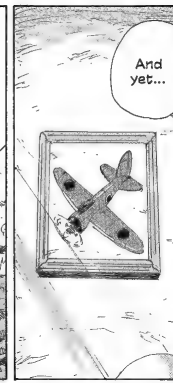
...

A top speed of 500 km/h... a beautiful, lightweight frame, with nothing unnecessary...
Amazing maneuver-ability ...
Without drop tanks, it can keep flying for a miraculous 2,000 kilometers, and—

That's humanity's dream taken shape.
I want to fly through the sky, free as a bird...

I love airplanes.
You see, I...


Only a little more than 10 years after people first flew...
...planes took to the skies above battlefields.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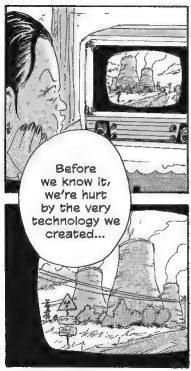
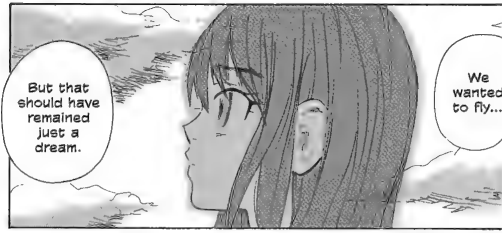
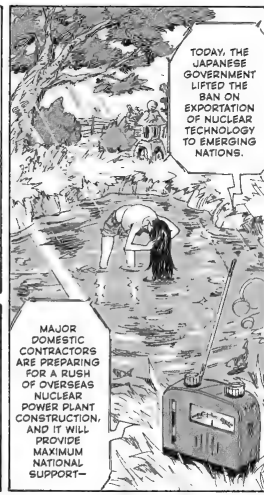

Before we know it, we're hurt by the very technology we created...

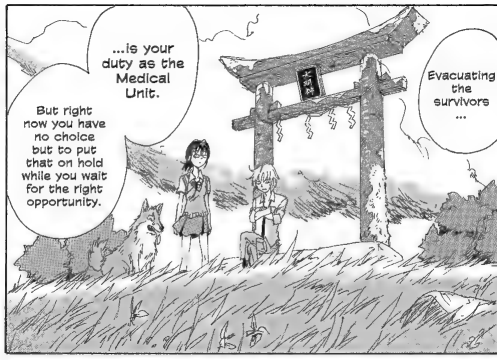
...do people turn out that way?
Why...


We wanted to fly...
But that should have remained just a dream.

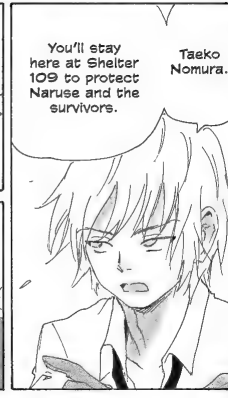
Heeey! Shion!


TODAY, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT LIFTED THE BAN ON EXPORTATION OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO EMERGING NATIONS.
MAJOR DOMESTIC CONTRACTORS ARE PREPARING FOR A RUSH OF OVERSEAS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION, AND IT WILL PROVIDE MAXIMUM NATIONAL SUPPORT—

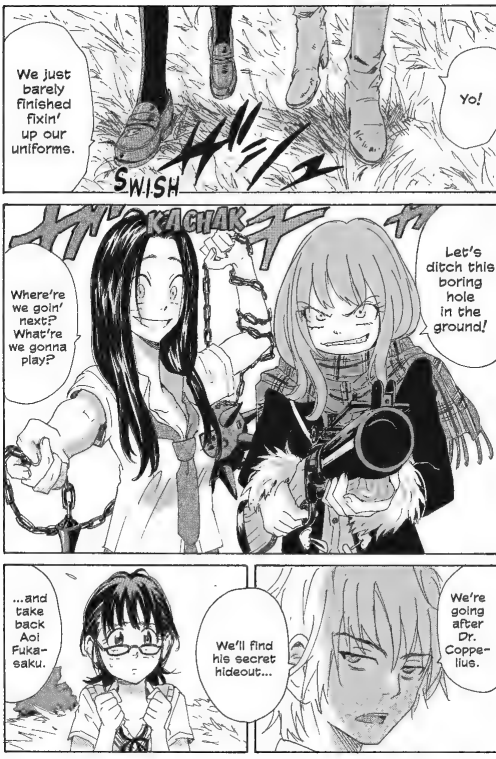
Come on!
We're havin' a strat-egy meet-ing!


Evacuating the survivors ...
...is your duty as the Medical Unit.
But right now you have no choice but to put that on hold while you wait for the right opportunity.

Yes, sir!
I'll do everything in my power as a member of the Medical Unit!


Taeko Nomura.
You'll stay here at Shelter 109 to protect Naruse and the survivors.

Now...
As for the Cleanup Crew—


We just barely finished fixin' up our uniforms.
SWISH
Yo!
KACHAK
Where're we goin' next? What're we gonna play?
Let's ditch this boring hole in the ground!
...and take back Aoi Fuka-saku.
We'll find his secret hideout...
We're going after Dr. Coppe-lius.

Let's move.
It's time to clean up.
P-46 END

Phase.47 [One Hell of a Ride in the City of Death!]
Dr. Coppelius is hiding somewhere in Tokyo.
TMP
We'll sniff him out.
TMP
GLUB
GLUB
Let's move.

FSSSH
Alright!
Cleanup Crew, attack!

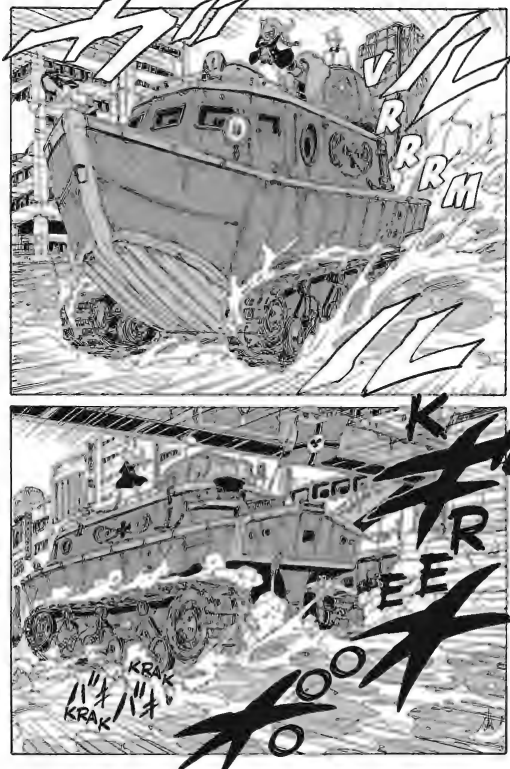
FSSSH
BEEP
BOOP
And I certainly don't have the energy to search the entire city.
...we have no clue where Dr. Coppelius could be.
Now then...
GLUB
GLUB
GLUB
A dramatic start is all well and good, but...
Mana Tsuburaya mentioned something veeery interesting yesterday...
You want a hint, Haruto?
GLUB
GLUB

Wakey wakey, Mana Tsuburaya!
I've got one more thing to ask ya.
Where's Dr. Coppelius, and what is he up to now?
SWISH
You better tell me, or...
!
...Dr Coppelius said...
...he was going to analyze Aoi Fukasaku's DNA...
And to do that...
...he'd need a proper lab...
So we would have to move there...
DNA analysis ...?

That's probably all we'll get out of her.
She wouldn't say anything more, no matter how hard I laid the torture on her.
Is that what he's after, Kanon?
GLUB
GLUB
Where in Tokyo would there have been equipment at that level, 20 years ago...?
A lab with the proper equipment for analyzing DNA...
I see... we have a destination.
Ah...!
I don't have any proof, but...
GLUB
GLUB
Did you figure out where he is, Haruto?!

Sis! Land ahoy!
Huh...
...it's where I would go if I were him.
Full speed ahead!
SWAP
Keep going straight, Haruto!
FSSSH
WEE
PUSH

Wahhh!
FSSSSSH
Sie! We're gonna run aground!
FSSSH
S...
FSSSH


VRRRM
KREEE
KRAK
KRAK

We're going through Aoyama Street and heading north!
It's got treads! Kyahaha!
Ohhh!
CLUNK
CLUNK
This's gonna be one hell of a ride through the City of Death! Yeehaw!
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK

SOME-
WHERE
IN TO-
KYO—
TAK
TAK
Now
then... I
suppose I
should go
through
her DNA
sequence
bit by bit.
CHEW
This
may
take me a
while...
CHEW
SNACKS
WATER
BEEP
Hmm
...
BEEP
This is Aoi
Fuka-
saku's
genome
data...
TAK
Hey, Dr.
Coppe-
lius...
Wanna
play an
MMO?
CHEW

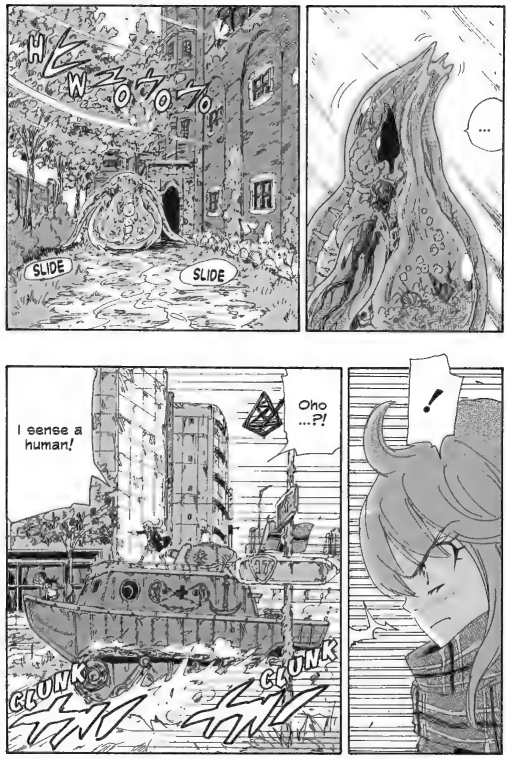
I'll be up all night with this.
CHEW
CHEW
My, my... reminds me of my school days.
TAK
TAK
Thymine, adenine, guanine, cytosine ...!
GLUB
GLUB
SLAM
Thymine, adenine, guanine, cytosine ...!
SWISH

Leaving me stuck alone...
Jerk.
ROLL
Sigh...
Mana... come back...

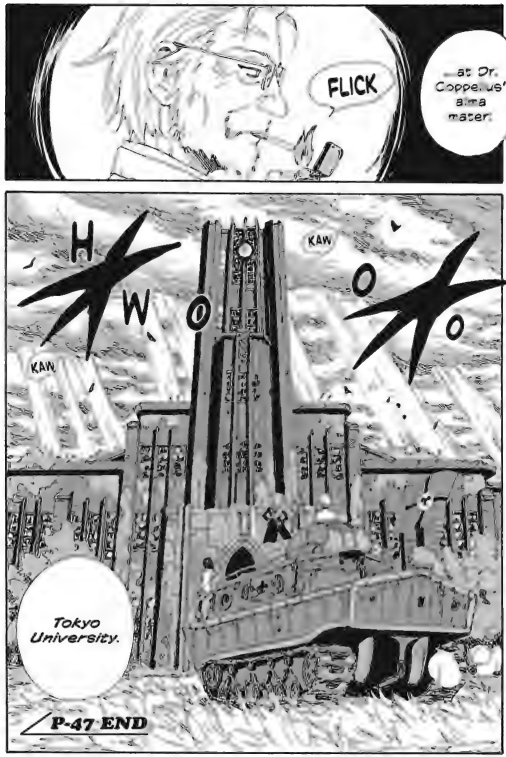
SWISH
KREE
FWIP

BOW
Heheh ...
It's pretty.
PLOP

... died...
The flower ...
!
MYOTO
SNAP
Go away, you flea freak!
My DNA's sullied, anyway!
FLING
SNAP

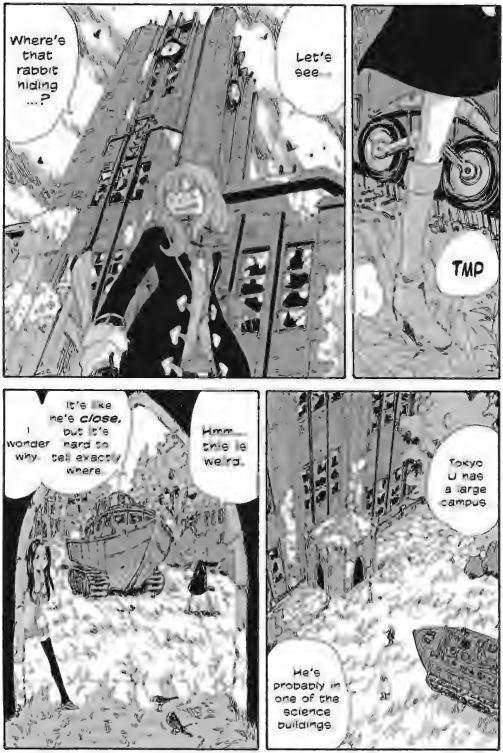

SLIDE
SLIDE
...
I sense a human!
Oho ...?!
!
CLUNK
CLUNK

There's nothing but trees up ahead!
CLUNK
CLUNK
Huh...?!
We've found Dr. Coppelius' hideout.
Then I was right...
Whoa!
THUMP
SKREEE
There should be some splendidly equipped labs...
...lies sleeping in this forest.
The country's top academic center...

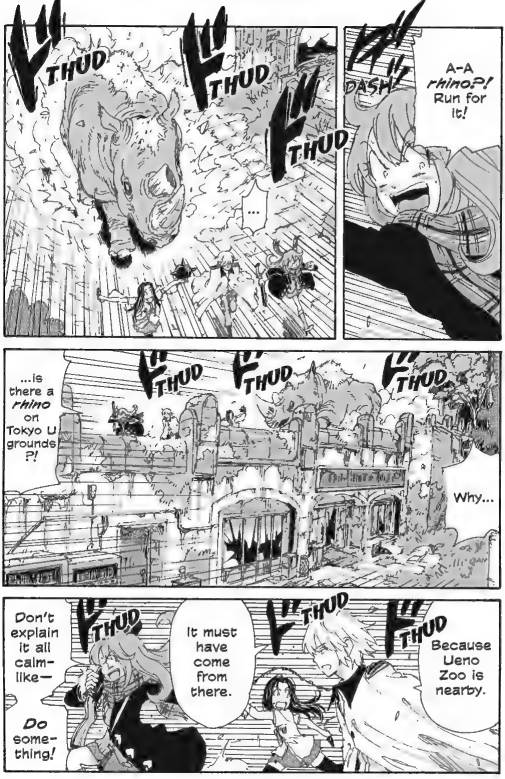

FLICK
...at Dr. Coppelius' alma mater.
KAW
KAW
Tokyo University.
P-47 END

Phase.48 [The Original's Obstacle]
Dr. Coppelius should be here somewhere.
Tokyo University ...
I leave the rest of the search to you.
Kanon Ozu.
I sense a human nearby
Yeah ...

Yay!
A college expedi-tion!
WHUD


Where's that rabbit hiding ...?
Let's see...
TMP
I wonder why.
It's like he's close, but it's hard to tell exactly where.
Hmm... this is weird.
Tokyo U has a large campus
He's probably in one of the science buildings

Huh ...?!
If I had to choose, maybe this way?
Hey, sis!
GLARE
?!
THUD
THUD
Wh ...
What the hell?! Something's in there—
THUD
THUD
THUD
Holy crap!


THUD
THUD
THUD
...
DASH!
A-A rhino?! Run for it!
...is there a rhino on Tokyo U grounds?!
THUD
THUD
THUD
Why...
Don't explain it all calm-like—
Do something!
THUD
It must have come from there.
THUD
THUD
Because Ueno Zoo is nearby.

FWAP
CLINK
FLING
FLASH
!
THUD
THUD

Now
!!
WHOOSH
KRRRSH
KRAK

KRR'RSH

WHOOOSH

Sh!
BZZT

There's a human ahead, I'm sure of it!
That way ....!

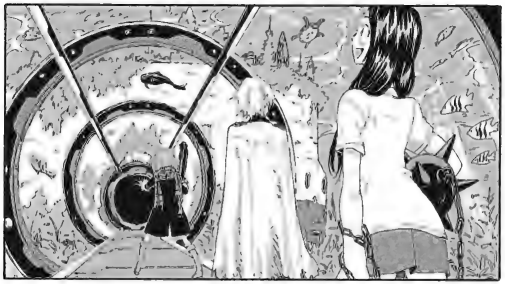
We beat the rhino, sis!
FLAIL FLAIL

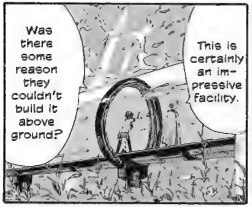
SWISH
Follow me!
Sis... what about the rhino...?
FSSSH
TMP
In there!
PUFF
Have you lost it, Kanon?
...

This is Sanshiro Pond.
The only creatures in there are fish and turtles.
GLEEP GLEEP GLEEP
DUNK
SWISH
Kanon
STARE

Ha!
CLICK
Some kinda switch?
What's this thing?
?
RRR
?!
MMM
FSSSSW
Some-thing's coming up from the pond!
Oh ...?!

You go first, Haruto. You're our leader, aren't'cha?
...
GLUB
GLUB GLUB
Be careful not to slip up and fall!
Seems safe down here!
CLANG
SWISH...
Better not talk about things falling during exam season ...
Okies!
CLANG




Was there some reason they couldn't build it above ground?
This is certainly an impressive facility.

An underwater tunnel! Wowie!

...!
SWISH
Thymine, adenine ...!

We're real close... Be on your guard!
There's a room up here.
KCHK

Look, it's him!
Wait, Kanon! I've got a bad feeling—
Grow well, dear plants.
Guanine, cytocine ...!
FSSH
DASH!
Peek-aboo, we found you!
Dr. Coppelius!

WHISTLE
P!
SHINE
A wall of reinforced glass...!
!!
I've been waiting for you, Haruto.
CLANG
!

So I prepared a little present for you.
PSSSH
You're a copy of me.
I knew you'd find me before long.
FWAP
IN TWO HOURS, THE TEMPERATURE WILL REACH 80 DEGREES CELSIUS.
THE TEMPERATURE IN THAT ROOM WILL RISE BY ONE DEGREE EVERY TWO MINUTES.
FWOOM
BING
?!
Roger, sir!
Shion, smash that wall!
Oh hell no...!
FWOOSH

KRAK
POOMF
H-Huh? The wall...
It bent!
IT SEEMS TO BE A SHOCK ABSORBENT MATERIAL, AS A COUNTER-MEASURE FOR THE WATER PRESSURE.
I BELIEVE THE FLOOR AND CEILING ARE ALSO MADE OF THE SAME MATERIAL.
...
SQUISH
Dr. Coppelius ...
What are you planning?!
Have a look around.
FLICK
I left a bomb I made for you.
...!
BEEP
BEEP

...THEN TWO HOURS SHOULD BE PLENTY OF TIME FOR YOU TO DEFUSE IT.
HARUTO... IF YOU'RE SUPERIOR TO ME...
Once the temperature reaches 80 degrees, it'll explode.
The bomb is temperature-sensitive.
CLICK
SHOW ME HOW YOU'LL OVERCOME...
...AN OBSTACLE FROM YOUR ORIGINAL!
P.48 END